



**ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND  
HEALTH SCIENCES  
LIBRARIES**

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LORI Committee  
Office of Library and Information Services  
One Capital Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

Dear LORI Committee,

ARIHSL is most supportive of your initiative to encourage all libraries within Rhode Island to do all they can to form the multi-type library virtual catalog.

A state-wide virtual catalog will not only benefit the primary users of our individual institutions, but in the long run will provide a value-added service for the residents of Rhode Island, especially when combined with the state delivery system.

In ARIHSL we have taken a step this direction by 13 health sciences libraries becoming Associate Members of HELIN and by applying (and receiving) a LORI grant to get the records of these libraries into HELIN.

We encourage other library groups in the state to see how they can become a part of the state virtual catalog. At the same time we hope that HELIN, having found the way to incorporate health sciences libraries into its consortium, will be as flexible and open to other groups.

ARIHSL will be glad to assist other groups in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

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